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GOI amends Standards for Milk and Dairy Products

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Report Highlights:

On October 13, 2017, Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the standards of milk and dairy products. FSSAI promulgated the draft standards of milk and dairy products notified earlier to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in December, 2015 for comments. The regulation comes into effect from October 13, 2017.

General Information:

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On October 13, 2017, Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on sales) First Amendment Regulations 2017 and Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Thirteenth Amendment Regulations 2017 through official gazette notification. The first regulation amends the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on sales) Regulations 2011 to omit the sub-regulation 2.1.1 in regulation 2.1 which prohibits the sale of cream not prepared exclusively from milk or contains less than 25 percent milk fat. The Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Thirteenth Amendment Regulations 2017 amends the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations 2011 to modify the standards for dairy products including milk, flavored milk, evaporated or concentrated milk, sweetened condensed milk, *khoya*, cream and *malai*, milk fats including anhydrous milk fat, anhydrous butter oil, butter oil and *ghee*, butter, milk powder and cream powder, dairy whitener, whey powder, fermented milk products, ice-cream, *kulfi*, chocolate ice cream, soft ice cream, milk ice or milk lolly, dried ice cream mix, frozen dessert or confections, *chhana* and *paneer*, cheese and cheese products, edible casein products, lactose, and infant foods.

GOI previously notified the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition & Restriction on Sale) Amendment Regulation, 2015 and Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations 2015 in December 2015 for comments from various stakeholders (Please see [IN6002](#)).

The new regulation can be accessed at [Operationalization of Standards for Milk and Milk Products](#) on the FSSAI website.

Final details on the final regulation:

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WTO Notification: Not notified as of November 21, 2017.

Products Affected: Milk and Dairy Products

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI